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Examiner Brian Casler  
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**Via Hand Delivery**

Re: U.S. Patent Application for  
Composite Structures and Methods for Ablating Tissue to Form  
Complex Lesion Patterns in the Treatment of Cardiac Conditions  
and the Like  
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Our Docket No. 15916-069i

Subject: Draft Preliminary Amendment and Request to Provoke Interference

Examiner Casler:

In preparation for the interview on June 6, 2000, we enclose a draft Preliminary Amendment and Request to Provoke Interference. Please carefully review this document so that we can discuss any concerns that you may have during the interview. This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/752,162.

Please telephone me (310 563 1458) at your convenience if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
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